STATE OF MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

1986 MONTANA MIGRATORY BIRD REGULATIONS - PACIFIC FLYWAY

The Pacific Flyway includes Hill, Chouteau, Cascade, Meagher, and Park counties and all counties lying west of these.

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, the state of Montana within the Pacific Flyway is opened to hunting of migratory birds under the regulations listed below.

DUCKS

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise October 04, 1986, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through December 21, 1986.

Exception:

1. Freezout Lake WMA and Benton Lake NWR will be open to half day (½ hour before sunrise until 12 noon) the opening weekend (October 4 and 5).

2. Canyon Ferry: One-half hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon October 04, 1986 and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon each day through November 7, 1986.

   One-half hour before sunrise November 08, 1986 to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through December 21, 1986 in the described area. See AREA DESCRIPTION under Geese Exception 1.

Daily & Possession Limit: Daily limit of 5 ducks and mergansers and, after opening day, a possession limit of 10 ducks and mergansers except that the daily bag may contain no more than 2 redheads, or 2 canvasbacks, or 1 of each; no more than 4 mallards but only 1 female mallard, 4 pintails but no more than 1 female pintail. The possession limit may contain no more than two times the daily bag limit.

Mergansers: Mergansers are included in the daily bag and possession limits of ducks.

Coots: The daily bag and possession limit shall be 25 coots.

GEESE

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise October 04, 1986, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through January 04, 1987.

Exceptions:

1. Freezout Lake WMA will be open to half day (½ hour before sunrise until 12 noon) the opening weekend (October 4 and 5).

2. Canyon Ferry: One-half hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon October 04, 1986 and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon each day through November 7, 1986 in those portions of Broadwater, Lewis and Clark and Jefferson counties as follows: Beginning at Canyon Ferry Dam, thence in a westerly and southerly direction along State Route 284 to U.S. Highway 287, thence east along said highway approximately one-quarter (¼) mile to the Jefferson-Broadwater County line, thence southerly along said line to the S.W. corner of Township 7 North, Range 1 West, thence easterly along the south boundary of said township to its intersection with Indian Creek, thence easterly down said creek to its intersection with U.S. Highway 287 thence southerly along said highway to its intersection with U.S. Highway 12, at Townsend, thence easterly along said highway to the Broadwater-Meagher County line, thence northerly along said line to the head of Magpie Gulch, thence southerly down said gulch to State Route 284, thence westerly along said highway to Canyon Ferry Dam, the point of beginning.

   One-half hour before sunrise November 08, 1986 to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through January 04, 1987 in the above described area.

3. Flathead: One-half hour before sunrise October 04, 1986, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through November 30, 1986, in portions of Flathead, Lake, and Sanders counties described as follows: Beginning at Ravalli, then north along U.S. Highway 93 to Polson and Elmo, then west on State Highway 28 to its intersection with State Highway 382 near Hot Springs and south along said highway to Perma, then east along State Route 200 to Ravalli, the point of beginning.

4. Deer Lodge County: One-half hour before sunrise October 18, 1986, and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through January 04, 1987, Deer Lodge County.

5. Benton Lake: (Dark Geese Only): One-half hour before sunrise November 1, 1986 and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset through January 04, 1987 in those portions of Cascade, Chouteau and Teton counties as follows: Beginning at Intersection 15 Interchange near Power, then due east on Teton County road 4½ miles, then north 1 mile, then east 13 miles to State Highway 225 (Bootlegger Trail), then south 7 miles along Bootlegger Trail, then west 4 miles on Cascade County road, then north 1 mile, then west 8 miles, then north 1 mile, then west 3 miles to the Gordon Interchange on Interstate 15, then north along Interstate 15 to Power, the point of beginning.

6. Missoula County: (Closed to all geese) A tract of land comprising portions of Sections 20, 21, 27, 28, 34 and 35, Township 13N, Range 18W, and Sections 1, 2, 11 and 12, Township 12N, Range 18W, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the Montana Power Dam at Milltown and extending in an easterly direction along the north shore of the impoundment to Interstate Highway 90, then in a southeasterly direction along Interstate 90 to the Turah exit, then southeasterly across the Turah Bridge and along the frontage road to its junction with the old Milwaukee Railroad right-of-way, then in a northwesterly direction along the railroad right-of-way to the Montana Power Dam at Milltown, the point of beginning.

7. Kleinschmidt Lake: (Closed to Canada geese) That portion of Powell County lying within the following described boundary: Beginning at Helmville, then northerly along state highway 271 to the intersection of highway 200; then northwesterly along highway 200 to the North Fork of the Blackfoot River, then southwesterly along the North Fork of the Blackfoot River to the Ovando-Helmville county road, then southeasterly along the Ovando-Helmville road to Helmville, the point of beginning.

NOTE: Each morning before the season opens, a drawing will be conducted to determine assignment of goose hunting pits at Ninepipes Game Management Area.

Daily and Possession Limit: East of Continental Divide: Daily limit of 3 white geese (snow, blue and Ross), and 3 dark geese (all other geese). Possession limit is 6 in any combination.

Daily and Possession Limit: West of Continental Divide: Daily limit of 3 white geese (snow, blue and Ross), and 2 dark geese (all other geese). Possession limit is 6 of which no more than 2 may be dark geese.

COMMON (WILSON'S) SNIPE

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise October 04, 1986, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through December 21, 1986.

Daily and Possession Limit: Daily limit of 8 Common (Wilson's) snipe and, after opening day, a possession limit of 16 Common (Wilson's) snipe.

TUNDRA (WHISTLING) SWAN

Five hundred permits will be issued authorizing each permittee to take one tundra (whistling) swan in either Cascade or Teton County. Permits will be valid 79 days, beginning one-half hour before sunrise October 04, 1986, and ending at sunset, December 21, 1986. Written applications must be submitted to the Helena office and received by the Helena Fish, Wildlife and Parks office by September 9, 1986. The application must include applicant's 1986 Montana Bird License number, indicate the Pacific Flyway. Swan hunters must have a watercraft, a dog capable of retrieving, or chest high waders along while hunting the dikes at Freezout Lake, as a means of retrieving birds

they have killed, wounded or crippled. Note: Applicants may apply for only one swan permit in Montana. (Pacific or Central Flyway portion but not both.)

MOURNING DOVE

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise September 6, 1986 to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through October 12, 1986.

Daily and Possession Limit: Daily limit of 15 doves and after opening day, a possession limit of 30 doves.

WATERFOWL REGULATIONS

Waterfowl Closures: A portion of Freezout Lake Waterfowl Management Area in Teton County and an ACM settling pond near Warm Springs in Deer Lodge County will be closed as posted to all waterfowl hunting. The southern half of Lake Helena and Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir in Lewis and Clark County; and portions of Fresno Reservoir, McLean Reservoir, and Sands Lake in Hill County shall be closed to all waterfowl hunting; a portion of Flathead County east of Somers on the north shore of Flathead Lake as posted.

Means of Taking: Migratory birds may be taken only with bow and arrow, or with a shotgun not larger than ten gauge and incapable of holding more than three shells fired from the shoulder. Migratory waterfowl may not be taken from or by means, or aid of, or use of a sinkbox, aircraft, motor vehicle or motor-driven conveyance of any kind, except a motorboat, when the motor has been shut off and the boat has stopped. Use of any electronic or phonographic waterfowl-calling device is illegal.

Steel shot is required for hunting of waterfowl and coots in Lake, Flathead, Sanders, Lewis and Clark and Yellowstone counties. In addition, steel shot regulations apply to Benton Lake NWR and Red Rocks NWR.

License: Must be in possession of a Class AAA $36 Resident Sportsman's License or a Class A-1 $4 Resident Bird License and $2 Conservation License, or Class B-1 $30 Nonresident Bird License and $2 Conservation License, or a Class B-10 $350 Nonresident Big Game Combination License. Montana residents 62 and older and resident youths from 12 through 14 must be in possession of the $2 Conservation License. In addition to one of the above licenses, must be in possession of a Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp and State Waterfowl Stamp ($5) to hunt ducks, geese and swans. Persons under the age of 16 years need not possess the Federal Migratory Bird Stamp or State Waterfowl Stamp. Persons under 12 years of age may not hunt game birds.

FALCONRY SEASON

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise October 04, 1986 to sunset, and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through January 18, 1987.

Daily and Possession Limits: For all permitted migratory game birds, the daily and possession limit shall not exceed 2 and 6 birds respectively, singly or in the aggregate, during both the regular hunting season and the extended falconry seasons.

MONTANA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

BY: JAMES W. FLYNN, Secretary
August 7, 1986

810/2

STATE OF MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

1986 MONTANA MIGRATORY BIRD REGULATIONS - CENTRAL FLYWAY

The Central Flyway includes Blaine, Fergus, Judith Basin, Wheatland, Sweet Grass, Stillwater, and Carbon counties and all counties lying east of these.

By order of the Montana Fish and Game Commission, the state of Montana within the Central Flyway is open to hunting of migratory birds under the regulations listed below.

DUCKS

Open Season: Zone 1 includes the counties of Bighorn, Blaine, Carbon, Daniels, Fergus, Garfield, Golden Valley, Judith Basin, McCone, Musselshell, Petroleum, Phillips, Richland, Roosevelt, Sheridan, Stillwater, Sweetgrass, Valley, Wheatland and Yellowstone.

One-half hour before sunrise October 04, 1986, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset through November 23, 1986. Then reopening one-half hour before sunrise December 13, 1986 to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through December 28, 1986.

Zone 2 includes the counties of Carter, Custer, Dawson, Fallon, Powder River, Prairie, Rosebud, Treasure and Wibaux.

One half-hour before sunrise October 04, 1986 to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset through October 12, 1986. Reopening one-half hour before sunrise November 1, 1986 to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset through December 28, 1986.

Bag Limit: The season is based on a daily point value of 100 plus points. The daily bag limit is reached when the point value of the last bird taken, when added to the sum of the point values of other birds already taken during that day; reached or exceeds 100 points. The possession limit is the maximum number of birds which legally could have been taken in two days. The point allocation for ducks is as follows: THE SEASON IS CLOSED ON CANVASBACKS.

20 Points	35 Points	70 Points	100 Points
Blue-Wing Teal	Drake Mallard	Wood Duck	Hen Mallard
Green-Wing Teal	Pintail	Hooded Merganser	
Cinnamon Teal	Ringneck Duck	Redhead	
Scaup	All other species & sex not listed under other categories.		
Gadwall			
Shoveler			
Common & Red-Breasted Merganser			
American Widgeon			

Coots have a point value of zero, but the bag is limited to 15 and 30 in possession.

GEESE

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise October 04, 1986, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through January 04, 1987.

Daily and Possession Limit: Daily limit of 3 and a possession limit of 6 geese. Except in Sheridan County where the bag and possession limit will be 2 and 4 respectively.

SANDHILL CRANE

Persons wishing to hunt Sandhill Cranes must obtain a free permit available from the Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge, the Fish, Wildlife and Parks regional headquarters in Glasgow, Billings, or Miles City, or the Fish, Wildlife and Parks office in Helena.

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise October 04, 1986, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through November 30, 1986.

Daily and Possession Limit: Daily limit will be 3 Sandhill Crane, and after opening day, a possession limit of 6.

Exception 1: That area south and west of Interstate Highway 90 and the Bighorn River shall be closed to the hunting of Sandhill Crane.

Exception 2: Sheridan County - one-half hour before sunrise November 1, 1986 to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through November 30, 1986.

COMMON (WILSON'S) SNIPE

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise October 04, 1986, to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through December 2, 1986.

Daily and Possession Limit: Daily limit of 8 Common (Wilson's) snipe and, after opening day, a possession limit of 16 Common (Wilson's) snipe.

TUNDRA (WHISTLING) SWAN

Five hundred permits will be issued authorizing each permittee to take one tundra (whistling) swan in the Central Flyway portion of Montana. Permits will be valid 93 days, beginning one-half hour before sunrise October 04, 1986, and ending at sunset, January 04, 1987. Written applications must be submitted to the Helena office and received by the Helena Fish, Wildlife and Parks office by September 9, 1986. The application must include applicant's 1986 Montana Bird License number and indicate the Central Flyway.

Note: Applicants may apply for only one swan permit in Montana (Pacific or Central Flyway portion, but not both).

MOURNING DOVE

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise September 6, 1986 to sunset and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through October 12, 1986.

Daily and Possession Limit: Daily limit of 15 doves and after opening day, a possession limit of 30 doves.

REGULATIONS

Waterfowl Closures: A portion of Nelson Reservoir in Phillips County; North Chinook Reservoir in Blaine County; and portions of Treasure and Rosebud counties shall be closed to all waterfowl hunting.

Means of Taking: Migratory birds may be taken only with bow and arrow, with shotgun not larger than ten gauge and incapable of holding more than three shells fired from the shoulder. Migratory waterfowl may not be taken from or by means, or aid of, or use of a sinkbox, aircraft, motor vehicle or motor driven conveyance of any kind, except a motorboat when the motor has been shut off and the boat has stopped. Use of any electronic or phonographic waterfowl-calling device is illegal.

Steel shot is required for hunting of waterfowl and coots in Lake, Flathead, Sanders, Lewis and Clark and Yellowstone counties. In addition, steel shot regulations apply to Benton Lake NWR and Red Rocks NWR.

License: Must be in possession of a Class AAA $36 Resident Sportsman's License or a Class A-1 $4 Resident Bird License and $2 Conservation License, or Class B-1 $30 Nonresident Bird License and $2 Conservation License, or a Class B-10 $350 Nonresident Big Game Combination License. Montana residents 62 and older and resident youths from 12 through 14 must be in possession of the $2 Conservation License. In addition to one of the above licenses, must be in possession of a Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp and State Waterfowl Stamp ($5) to hunt ducks, geese and swans. Persons under the age of 16 years need not possess the Federal Migratory Bird Stamp or State Waterfowl Stamp. Persons under 12 years of age may not hunt game birds.

FALCONRY SEASON

Open Season: One-half hour before sunrise October 04, 1986 to sunset, and daily thereafter from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset each day through January 18, 1987.

Daily and Possession Limits: For all permitted migratory game birds, the daily and possession limit shall not exceed 2 and 6 birds respectively, singly or in the aggregate, during both the regular hunting season and the extended falconry seasons.

MONTANA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

BY: JAMES W. FLYNN, Secretary
August 7, 1986

810/3

STATE OF MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

1986 WATERFOWL HUNTING CLOSURES

Statewide

The following areas are closed to the hunting, harassement, or molesting of migratory waterfowl. Some national wildlife refuges may have regulations differing from the statewide regulations on certain species. Check with refuge manager before hunting.

REGION ONE

Flathead County: Beginning where the west access road to the Flathead Lake Waterfowl Production Area enters said area in the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 24, T27N, R21W, approximately one-half (½) mile east of the town of Somers, thence east-northeast along fence marking U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service property as posted to the west property line of the Dedman ownership in the West Half of Section 20, T27N, R20W, thence south along said line fence as posted to the north shore of Flathead Lake, thence south and westerly approximately one and three-quarters (1 3/4) miles as posted to a large stump displaying a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ownership sign in the North Half of the North Half of Section 25, T27N, R32W, thence northerly along west property line of said Waterfowl Production Area to the point of beginning. (This area is also closed to upland game bird hunting.)

REGION TWO

Warm Springs Pond No. 3 (Deer Lodge County): An area of land comprising portions of Sections 1, 2, 11 and 12 in Township 4 North, Range 10 West, portions of Sections 30 and 31 in Township 5 North, Range 9 West, and portions of Sections 25 and 36 in Township 5 North, Range 10 West, described as follows:

Beginning at the junction of Interstate 90 and the Opportunity Road; thence northerly on said road to the northerly base of the dike of Warm Springs Settling Pond No. 3; thence northwesterly along the base of said dike to the area road passing through the Mill-Willow Bypass; thence due west from junction of base of said dike and road to Interstate 90 (as posted); thence southerly along said Interstate to its junction with the Opportunity Road, the point of beginning.

REGION FOUR

Freezout Game Management Area (Teton County): SW¼, Section 19, Sections 29 and 30, T22N, R3W; W½ Section 12, W½ of E½ Section 12, and that portion of Sections 13 and 24 within the posted boundary of the Freezout Game Management Area, T22N, R4W. (This area will be open to upland game bird hunting until the opening of the waterfowl season, then it will be closed to all hunting.)

Helena Valley Regulating Reservoir (Lewis & Clark County): The Bureau of Reclamation Regulating Reservoir located in Section 8, T10N, R2W in the Helena Valley, as posted. (This area will be open to upland game bird hunting until the opening of the waterfowl season, then it will be closed to all hunting.)

South Half of Lake Helena (Lewis & Clark County): Beginning at a point in the southwest part of Lake Helena to be marked by a red buoy, thence in a southwesterly direction to the south shore, thence south approximately ½ mile, thence in an easterly direction 1½ miles, thence north ¼ mile, thence east 3/4 mile to the west bank of the BLM drain ditch D-7, thence down the west bank of the drain ditch to the lake and out into the lake a distance of 400 yards to a point marked by a red buoy, thence in a southwesterly direction across the lake to the point of beginning, in parts of Sections 23, 24, 25, and 26 in T11N, R3W, and in parts of Sections 19 and 30 in T11N, R2W.

REGION FIVE

None

REGION SIX

Fresno Reservoir Area (Hill County): That portion of the Milk River and within 300 yards of its banks between the southeast corner of Section 1, T34N, R12E and the former Kremlin crossing (Section 22, T34N, R13E).

McLean Reservoir (Hill County): Approximately 2,560 acres located in Sections 16, 17, 20, and 21, T36N, R15E.

Sands Lake (Hill County): SW¼, Section 18, T32N, R16E.